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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1962, prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health circular 1/63.

Infectious Diseases

Sixty-three cases of infectious disease were notified during the year, which is the lowest ever recorded. For the seventeenth year in succession no case of diphtheria was reported.

Vital Statistics

Following the trend throughout the country the birth rate has risen again, and the figure of 17.53 is the highest since 1946, and compares with 14.69 for the county of East Sussex and 18.00 for England and Wales.

In view of the higher birth rate it is pleasing to report that the infant mortality rate has dropped from 32.64 to 12.33. As the number of infant deaths is small the mortality rate per 1,000 live births is liable to fluctuate considerably from year to year.

Fluoridation of Water Supplies

In December 1962 the Minister of Health intimated his readiness to approve, under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act, the making of arrangements with Water Undertakers for the addition of fluoride to water supplies which are deficient in it naturally.

The Authority under the Act is the County Council, and before coming to a decision on this important Public Health measure, East Sussex County Council sought the advice of the constituent District Councils.

Some diversity of opinion resulted, and so far no action has been taken.

The proposal is for a simple measure for the prevention of dental decay.

It was discovered more than 20 years ago that many water supplies contained fluoride in varying amounts. Dentists found, by examining the teeth of people living in these communities, that whenever water contains about one part fluoride to every million parts of water the children who drink it have unusually pretty teeth, and two thirds fewer cavities than children deprived of fluoride.

Adults brought up on such a water supply also have better teeth than people in other towns.

Taking the hint from nature, scientists tried the effect of adjusting the amount of fluoride in the water supplies of several cities. They found that fluoride added by man and by nature produce the same results. Today, hundreds of towns throughout the world are adding fluoride. These towns find that fluoridation is safe, simple and cheap.

It cuts dental decay by 65 per cent.

As long as they live these children will have better teeth than people who have grown up without fluoride.

Fluoridation is a natural process. Of universal distribution, fluoride is contained in practically all animal and vegetable foods. It would be impossible to devise a diet free from fluoride; but protection of the teeth only results when it is present in sufficient amount, and this can be most readily assured by adding a small amount to the water supply when it is required.

It does not affect the taste or smell of the water, its only effect is to reduce dental decay.

Parents of young children are perhaps a minority group ; but they should strive to obtain the full benefit of this measure before it is too late for the present generation of children.

Milk

During the year, sixty-six samples of raw milk were taken for biological examination and four were found to be affected with brucella abortus, although all were negative to tubercle bacilli. The Producers concerned were all in the Council's area and they were required to divert their supplies for heat treatment before being used for human consumption.

Samples were taken individually from eighty-one cows and the results of these found two cows to be excretors of brucella abortus ; they were removed from the milking herds.

Food Hygiene

In January a local butcher reported that he had received complaints concerning sausages of his own manufacture, from three separate families, and he asked for the matter to be investigated.

Two families had beef and the other had pork sausages, and ten of the eleven people who consumed them were affected with reddening of the face, and, in some cases, of the arms as well. In most cases this appeared within a few minutes of ingestion and lasted for periods varying from about fifteen minutes to two hours. No other symptoms were reported and in all cases the people concerned noticed no unusual features when eating the food.

Of this particular batch of 30 lbs. of sausages, the butcher could account for over half of the total as having been delivered to the household by his staff, and so he was able to ascertain that none of these other fifteen families had been affected. The remainder of this batch was sold over the counter and, therefore, could not be reliably accounted for.

The butcher's own opinion was that a product which he regularly uses, and which, according to the manufacturers, consisted of " harmless and natural ingredients " and was intended " to keep the natural colour of the sausages for two to four days " had not in this instance been thoroughly mixed throughout the batch, and the three affected families had been sold sausages which contained a quantity in excess of the normal. In the absence of any further information as a result of the investigation, this theory would seem possibly correct.

Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act 1956

This Act provides, among other things, for securing the health and welfare of persons employed in agriculture.

The duty of a local authority is restricted to the administration of those sections of the Act which relate to the provision of sanitary conveniences on farms and agricultural holdings, where workers are employed, and for ensuring that such conveniences are properly maintained.

Since the Act came into force 125 premises have been inspected with the following results—

	W.C.'s	Pail or Chemical closets	No provision made	Total
No. of premises provided with satisfactory sanitary accommoda- tion	111	8	—	119
No. of premises not provided with satisfactory sanitary accommoda- tion	—	—	6	6
	—	—	—	—
	111	8	6	125
	—	—	—	—
No. of formal Notices served ... ..	...	...	...	1
No. of formal Notices complied with ... ..	...	...	...	1
No. of informal Notices served ... ..	...	...	...	5
No. of informal Notices complied with ... ..	...	...	...	3
No. of cases which fall to be dealt with ... ..	...	...	...	2

Housing Improvement Grants

(a) Discretionary Grants

In September 1957 the Council decided to discontinue the payment of Discretionary Grants owing to the financial position generally, and the suspension has continued to the present day. It was considered that this suspension should not apply to the improvement of the small number of almshouses in the District, in view of the urgent need to improve this class of dwelling. It is interesting to record that since that time, a number of applications have been received which has resulted in the complete renovation of twenty-three almshouses at a cost of £8,656 14s. 2d. to the Council.

(b) Standard Grants

The House Purchase and Housing Act, which came into force in May 1959, made it a duty for local authorities to make grants towards the improvement of dwellings by the provision of

- (a) A fixed bath or shower in a bathroom
- (b) A wash hand basin
- (c) A hot water supply
- (d) A water closet
- (e) Facilities for storing food.

During the year 99 applications were received and dealt with as under :—

No. approved	—	Owner/Occupier	...	63
		Tenanted	...	36
				—
		Total	...	99
				==
No. withdrawn	—	Tenanted	...	5
Sum total of Grants approved			...	£12,985
Number paid	...	...	...	111
Number repaid	...	...	...	8
Net amount paid	...	...	...	£13,843 3s. 8d.

Since the inception of this scheme 431 applications have been approved as follows :—

No. approved	—	Owner/Occupier	...	237
		Tenanted	...	194
		Total	...	431
No. withdrawn	—	Owner/Occupier	...	8
		Tenanted	...	14
		Total	...	22
Sum total of Grants approved			...	£54,890
Number paid	...	...	...	281
Number repaid	...	...	...	15
Net amount paid	...	...	...	£33,242 12s. 0d.

Slum Clearance Programme

The following table shows the state of the five year programme commenced in January 1956. Further progress is dependent on accommodation available for re-housing.

(a)	Number of houses in programme	...	...	200
(b)	Number dealt with under Housing Acts	...	...	226
				(45 vacant)
	Number closed	...	...	68
	Number demolished	...	...	20
	Number made fit, Undertaking determined			89
(c)	Number of families rehoused	...	...	132
	Number rehoused by Council	...	...	90
(d)	Number remaining to be rehoused	...	...	49
	Number willing to be rehoused	...	...	12

Council Housing

The following information is given by the Housing Manager, Miss E. M. Maddox, B.Sc., F.S.H.M.

Applications for Housing

The total number of applications on the waiting list for housing increased from 863 in January to 910 in December.

New accommodation

Five new houses and eight new flats were occupied during the year.

Vacancies

The total number of vacancies in existing Council accommodation during the year was 53.

Rehousing

Applicants were rehoused during the year as follows :—

Occupants of unfit houses	...	...	...	3
Families where there was a Court Order for eviction.				
(From tied cottages and decontrolled property)				13
Other applicants on the waiting list...	...	...	...	50

I am, Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PETRIE,

Medical Officer of Health.

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TABLE I

VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area of the District	112,096 acres
Population (Registrar General's estimate)	44,770
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	0.39
Number of inhabited dwellings (at 31/3/63)	...	...	...	...	14,504
Rateable Value (at 1/4/63)	...	...	...	...	£1,405,238
Sum represented by the penny rate (at 1/4/63)	...	...	...	...	£5,663

Births and Deaths.

Birth Rate (crude)	14.49	} Per 1,000 Population
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	17.53
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	18.00
Death Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	14.16
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	10.90
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	11.90

Mothers and Infants

Live Births		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number	...	348	301	649
Rate per 1,000 population	...			14.49

Illegitimate Live Births

(per cent. of total live births)	...	4.01
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Still Births

Number	...	3	3	6
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...			9.16

Total Live and Still Births	...	351	304	655
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Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)	...	6	2	8
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Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	12.33
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	11.23
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	38.46

Neo-natal Mortality Rate

(Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	10.79
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Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate

(Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	7.70
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Perinatal Mortality Rate

(Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	16.79
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Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	Nil

Causes of Death.

		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	...	2	1	3
Tuberculosis (other)	...	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	...	—	—	—
Diphtheria	...	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	...	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	—	—	—
Measles	...	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	1	—	1

TABLE I (continued)

						Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	5	12	17
Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	14	4	18
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	7	7
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	...	—	6	6
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	39	33	72
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	29	59	88
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	64	33	97
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	5	14	19
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	34	42	76
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	20	21	41
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	15	29	44
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	18	9	27
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	6
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	...	6	—	6
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Other defined and ill defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	24	40	64
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	6
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	8
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Total deaths	...	...	...	...	...	303	331	634

TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1947-1962

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births						Crude Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Crude Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total										
1947	40,190	327	318	645	28	21	49	17.27	263	282	545	13.56	19	9	28	40.35	149
1948	40,900	325	286	611	14	15	29	15.65	247	255	502	12.27	7	3	10	15.63	138
1949	41,370	281	264	545	14	14	28	13.85	252	273	525	12.69	8	8	16	27.92	48
1950	42,230	271	274	545	17	13	30	13.61	260	279	539	12.76	5	8	13	22.60	36
1951	43,750	282	272	554	13	9	22	13.16	264	306	570	13.02	5	11	16	27.60	6
1952	43,260	274	245	519	16	10	26	12.59	296	306	602	13.91	9	8	17	31.19	—
1953	43,600	241	260	501	12	12	24	12.05	245	257	502	11.51	7	5	12	22.86	23
1954	43,940	267	262	529	16	10	26	12.63	256	300	556	12.65	4	5	9	16.21	—
1955	44,000	255	245	500	14	13	27	11.97	250	311	561	12.75	8	8	16	32.00	—
1956	43,500	272	236	508	7	12	19	12.11	291	284	575	13.22	8	5	13	24.67	—
1957	43,380	289	255	544	7	6	13	12.84	264	250	514	11.85	7	3	10	17.95	43
1958	43,300	262	238	500	14	6	20	12.01	295	296	591	13.65	2	4	6	11.54	—
1959	43,670	301	297	598	6	14	20	14.15	323	293	616	14.10	4	2	6	9.71	2
1960	43,780	279	271	550	10	10	20	13.02	284	276	560	12.79	7	7	14	24.56	10
1961	43,950	280	277	557	10	15	25	13.24	312	300	612	13.92	10	9	19	32.64	—
1962	44,770	334	289	623	14	12	26	14.49	303	331	634	14.16	6	2	8	12.33	15

POPULATION FIGURES, 1953-1962. Estimated

TABLE III

PARISH	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
BUXTED	2,435	2,437	2,454	2,461	2,449	2,444	2,479	2,384	2,377	2,442
CROWBOROUGH	7,588	7,667	7,638	7,562	7,324	7,322	7,396	8,109	8,396	8,702
DANEHILL	1,282	1,268	1,262	1,261	1,237	1,239	1,236	1,282	1,304	1,335
FLETCHING	1,004	992	1,011	993	1,003	995	983	947	923	930
FOREST ROW	3,267	3,330	3,384	3,327	3,360	3,407	3,554	3,519	3,481	3,544
FRAMFIELD	1,934	1,952	1,913	1,882	1,848	1,860	1,858	1,817	1,761	1,787
FRANT	1,536	1,525	1,497	1,519	1,538	1,547	1,518	1,464	1,455	1,468
HADLOW DOWN	811	828	843	860	832	822	810	836	812	839
HARTFIELD	2,077	2,095	2,060	2,044	2,038	2,024	2,034	1,992	2,023	2,013
ISFIELD	554	551	560	525	513	505	488	490	492	475
LITTLE HORSTED	214	222	213	213	202	195	195	203	197	196
MARESFIELD	2,920	2,965	2,982	2,990	3,015	2,990	3,072	3,251	3,213	3,243
MAYFIELD	3,544	3,604	3,606	3,525	3,509	3,489	3,505	3,390	3,316	3,377
ROTHERFIELD	2,930	2,975	2,933	2,847	2,851	2,824	2,800	2,771	2,758	2,789
UCKFIELD	4,302	4,252	4,341	4,286	4,410	4,398	4,457	4,327	4,376	4,475
WADHURST	4,143	4,191	4,180	4,136	4,141	4,102	4,132	3,950	3,929	3,955
WITHYHAM	3,059	3,086	3,123	3,069	3,110	3,137	3,153	3,048	3,137	3,200
† TOTALS	43,600	43,940	44,000	43,500	43,380	43,300	43,670	43,780	43,950	44,770

† Totals are annual estimates of population supplied by the Registrar General.
Population of each parish calculated as follows :—
1953-1959 Registrar General's estimate of population for the District × Number of occupied dwellings in each parish.
1960-1962 Registrar General's estimate of population for the District × Number of persons on Register of

NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

TABLE IV

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Under 1 year</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2 years</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>4 years</i>	<i>5—9 years</i>	<i>10—14 years</i>	<i>15—24 years</i>	<i>25 years and over</i>	<i>Age un- known</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Admitted to hospital</i>
SCARLET FEVER ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
WHOOPING COUGH ...	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	8	—
MEASLES ...	—	—	5	5	5	6	4	9	3	1	38	2
DYSENTERY ...	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	—
	<i>Under 5 years</i>	<i>5—14 years</i>	<i>15—44 years</i>	<i>45—64 years</i>	<i>65 years and over</i>	<i>Age un- known</i>						
PNEUMONIA ...	—	—	—	2	1	—					3	—
ERYSIPELAS ...	—	—	—	2	2	—					4	—
*FOOD POISONING ...	—	—	1	—	—	—					1	—
ACUTE ENCEPHALITIS (Post-infectious)	—	—	1	—	—	—					1	1
PUERPERAL PYREXIA ...	ALL AGES										5	3

* Analysis of Food Poisoning Notification.
Causative agent—Not known.

TABLE V

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of diseases in the parishes, 1962

PARISH	DISEASE									
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Dysentery	Pneumonia	Acute Encephalitis (Post-Infectious)	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Puerperal Pyrexia	TOTAL
BUXTED	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
CROWBOROUGH	—	1	13	—	—	—	1	1	2	18
DANEHILL	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
FLETCHING	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
FOREST ROW	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	2	6
FRAMFIELD	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
FRANT	—	—	2	—	3	1	—	—	—	6
HADLOW DOWN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HARTFIELD	1	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	5
ISFIELD	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
LITTLE HORSTED	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MARESFIELD	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
MAYFIELD	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
ROTHERFIELD	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
UCKFIELD	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
WADHURST... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
WITHYHAM	—	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	5
TOTALS	1	8	38	2	3	1	4	1	5	63

TABLE VI

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1962

AGE GROUPS.			NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
			Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 — 4	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 —14	...	...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15 —24	...	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 —34	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 —44	...	...	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
45 —54	...	...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 —64	...	...	2	2	1	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over	...	...	4	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Age unknown	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	...	...	12	2	3	—	2	1	—	—

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1945-1962

TABLE VII

YEAR.	NEW CASES						DEATHS					
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total. (All Types).	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total. (All Types).		
	M	F	M	F	M & F	M	F	M	F	M & F		
1945	14	20	1	4	39	12	9	—	1	22		
1946	14	11	15	4	44	3	4	1	—	8		
1947	10	10	5	5	30	7	7	3	1	18		
1948	19	8	2	5	34	9	5	—	—	14		
1949	21	15	4	6	46	3	4	—	—	7		
1950	20	19	6	9	54	2	—	1	—	3		
1951	22	19	3	6	50	4	4	1	—	9		
1952	25	21	5	4	55	5	3	2	—	10		
1953	27	17	—	2	46	2	1	—	1	4		
1954	27	18	2	3	50	2	—	—	—	2		
1955	5	8	1	3	17	2	2	—	—	4		
1956	4	6	4	2	16	—	3	1	—	4		
1957	10	5	3	2	20	—	—	—	—	—		
1958	13	4	1	—	18	1	—	—	—	1		
1959	8	3	1	1	13	4	—	—	—	4		
1960	11	3	3	3	20	1	1	—	—	2		
1961	6	5	1	—	12	2	—	—	—	2		
1962	12	2	3	—	17	2	1	—	—	3		

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF SURVEY, 1962

TABLE VIII

	Uckfield Parish			Wadhurst Parish			Wadhurst County Secondary School			Buxted Poultry Packing Station		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
No. of persons X-Rayed ...	187	239	426	55	66	121	28	27	55	125	68	193
Analysis of abnormal large films :—												
(a) Tuberculosis requiring treatment or close clinical supervision	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Tuberculosis requiring occasional clinical supervision	1	1	2	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Cardio-Vascular Lesions (Acquired) ...	3	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE IX
VACCINATION

The following vaccinations or re-vaccinations were carried out at clinics or reported by medical practitioners during the year.

<i>Age</i>	<i>Vaccinations</i>	<i>Re-vaccinations</i>
Under 1 year ...	432	—
1 year	58	—
2-4 years ...	109	17
5-14 years ...	3	1,099
15 years and over	4	2,944
Totals ...	606	4,060

TABLE X
AMBULANCES, CLINICS AND LABORATORY SERVICE
Infant Welfare Centres, Weighing Centres and Ante-Natal Clinics in
the Uckfield Rural District

<i>Name of Centre.</i>	<i>When held.</i>
BUXTED.	
Reading Room, Buxted (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Tuesday in each month.
CROWBOROUGH.	
St. Richard's Church Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Tuesday in each month.
Wesleyan Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
CROWBOROUGH, ST. JOHN'S.	
Women's Institute Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Thursday in each month.
DANEHILL.	
Memorial Hall, Danehill	... 2nd Tuesday in each month. (Dr. Waugh)
FAIRWARP.	
Village Hall, Fairwarp. (Weighing Centre only)	... 1st Wednesday in each month.
FOREST ROW.	
Village Hall. ... ..	... 1st Thursday in each month. (Dr. G. Thornton)
FRAMFIELD.	
Church Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 2nd Thursday in each month.
FRANT.	
Village Hall ... ..	... 1st Friday in each month.
GROOMBRIDGE.	
The Hut, Station Road	... 4th Tuesday in each month.
HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM.	
King's Hall, Withyham (Weighing Centre only)	... 1st Friday in each month.
MARESFIELD.	
Military Camp ... ..	... 2nd Wednesday in each month.
MAYFIELD.	
Village Hall ... ..	... 1st Friday in each month. (Dr. H. Walters)
NUTLEY.	
Mission Hall, Fords Green (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Tuesday in each month.
ROTHERFIELD.	
Village Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 1st Tuesday in each month.
UCKFIELD.	
County Clinic ... ..	... 1st Tuesday in each month. (Dr. J. Felce)
Ante-Natal Relaxation Class...	Each Monday.
WADHURST.	
Commemoration Hall, High Street.	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month. (Dr. Marsh)

Diphtheria Immunisation Clinics

*CROWBOROUGH.	
Wesleyan Hall, Croft Road ...	1st Tuesday in each month at 3.30 p.m.
UCKFIELD.	
County Clinic ... ..	... 1st Tuesday in each month at 2.15 p.m.
WADHURST.	
Belmont Surgery ... ..	... 1st Tuesday in each month from 2.15-2.45 p.m.

*This clinic is only held when sufficient number of children need immunisations.

TABLE X (*continued*)

Laboratory Facilities.

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 63506), continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the Laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the laboratory any time up to 4.30 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and before 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by arrangement with the Director, Doctor Jameson (telephone number Brighton 56960).

Ambulance Services.

The County Council, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has the duty to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

In East Sussex this is being done mainly by arrangement with the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society. The stations and ambulances are now linked by radio control, which ensures a quicker and more efficient service in accident or emergency cases.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted directly from members of the public.

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows :—

<i>Parishes Served</i>	<i>Ambulance Station</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>	<i>No. of Ambulances</i>
Buxted (North Part) Crowborough Mayfield Rotherfield Withyham	Caffyns Garage, Beacon Road, Crowborough.	Crowborough 1234 Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. At all other times Crowborough 882	2
Forest Row Hartfield	Phillips Garage, 219B, London Road, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 488	2
Frant Wadhurst	86a, Speldhurst Rd., Southborough, Tunbridge Wells.	Tunbridge Wells 23222/3	19
Buxted (South Part) Danehill Fletching Framfield Hadlow Down Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield	Caffyns Garage, Uckfield.	Uckfield 282	1

TABLE XI

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUPERVISION

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts	...	1,374
„ „ „ „ „ „ Rent Act, 1957	... ..	4
„ „ „ „ „ „ Noise Abatement Act, 1960	...	1
„ „ „ „ „ „ Pet Animals Act 1951	... ..	3
„ „ „ „ „ „ Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare) Act	... ..	24
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Acts		411
Visits to factories with power	... ..	72
Inspections made of dairies and milk shops	... ..	88
Visits to bakehouses	... ..	6
„ „ butchers' shops	... ..	15
„ „ knackers' yards	... ..	2
„ „ fish frying premises	... ..	3
„ „ food premises	... ..	203
„ „ ice-cream premises	... ..	11
„ „ licensed premises	... ..	46
„ „ shops (under Section 38, Shops Act, 1950)	... ..	23
„ „ hop-pickers' lodgings	... ..	4
Visits in connection with caravans	... ..	52
„ „ „ „ infectious diseases	... ..	56
„ „ „ „ water supplies	... ..	39
„ „ „ „ rats and mice destruction	... ..	3,131
„ „ „ „ vermin	... ..	2
„ „ „ „ schools	... ..	1
Miscellaneous visits	... ..	206
Interviews	... ..	56
No. of drain tests carried out	... ..	302
„ „ water samples taken	... ..	24
„ „ milk samples taken	... ..	66
„ „ ice-cream samples taken	... ..	6
„ „ premises disinfected and disinfested	... ..	59
„ „ preliminary notices served	... ..	193
„ „ „ „ complied with	... ..	128
„ „ statutory notices served	... ..	3
„ „ „ „ complied with	... ..	5

TABLE XII

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following statistics show inspections and work done by the Rodent Operators during the year.

	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>
No. of complaints received	249	56
No. of premises infested	194	53
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiry	128	2
No. of premises treated by the occupier	111	7
No. of dwellings disinfested :		
(a) Dwellinghouses	132	52
(b) Council properties (Sewage disposal works and refuse tips)	41	—
(c) Business premises (other than food premises) ...	4	3
(d) Food premises	3	4
(e) Agricultural premises	25	4
(f) Schools	1	1
Total number of visits	3,128	

TABLE XIII
FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Seventy-two visits were made during the year to factories in which mechanical power was used.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

PREMISES	NO. ON REGISTER	INSPEC- TIONS	NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	29	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	165	72	3	—
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ...	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	194	72	3	—

Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED		
			To H.M. INSPECTOR	By H.M. INSPECTOR	
Want of cleanliness ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	4	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	2	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	3	4	—	—	—

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prosecu- tions
Wearing apparel : Making, etc.	2	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and washing ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE XIV

WATER SUPPLIES

Samples of water were taken each month for bacteriological examination and the following table shows the sources of supply and results of the analyses.

<i>Source of Supply</i>	<i>Samples taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Mid-Sussex Water Company	22	22	—
Springs and Wells	2	2	—
TOTALS	24	24	—

In addition to the above samples taken by the Council's officers the under-mentioned suppliers sent regular reports of bacteriological and chemical analyses.

Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.

East Surrey Water Company.

Mid-Sussex Water Company.

Specimen results of chemical analyses are shown overleaf.

Sources of supply and specimen results of chemical analyses are shown in the following table :—

	SOURCE OF SUPPLY		
	<i>Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells — Tangiers Supply, Frant</i>	<i>East Surrey Water Co.— Westwood Pumping Station</i>	<i>Mid-Sussex Water Co.— Mark Cross</i>
		<i>Parts per million</i>	
Free and Saline Ammonia ...	0.04	—	—
Albuminoid Ammonia ...	0.06	—	—
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate at 80°F. in 4 hrs.	0.11	—	0.04
Nitrate Nitrogen	2.70	4.50	0.40
Nitrite Nitrogen	—	Nil	Nil
Chlorine (in Chlorides) ...	28.00	16	21
Equivalent to Sodium Chloride	46.20	—	35
Total Solid Matter (dried at 180°C.)	200.00	180	170 (dried at 120°C.)
Temporary Hardness ...	48.80	86	80
Permanent Hardness ...	None	40	Nil
Total Hardness	48.80	126	80
Sodium Carbonate	31.80	—	—
Free Carbon Dioxide ...	7.70	3	—
Free Chlorine	0.03	0.11	—
Reaction (pH)	7.10	7.70	6.90
Metals : Lead	None	Nil	Nil
Copper	None	Nil	Nil
Zinc	None	Nil	—
Iron	0.08	0.01	0.10
Appearance	Faint yellow, slight turbidity	Bright almost clear, with a few minute sand particles	Bright and clear with no deposit
Colour	—	Normal	—
Taste	—	Nil	—
Electric Conductivity at 20°C.	—	270	—
Ammoniacal Nitrogen ...	—	Nil	0.02
Albuminoid Nitrogen ...	—	Nil	0.008
Turbidity	—	Less than 5	—
Odour	—	Nil	—
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	—	86	—
Permanganate Value (3 hrs. at 37°C.)	—	Nil	—

TABLE XV

POSITION RELATING TO PIPED WATER SUPPLY AT 31st DECEMBER, 1962

<i>Statutory Supplier</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Connected to main supply during year</i>	<i>Dwellings on main supply</i>	<i>Estimated number of inhabitants in houses on main supply</i>
Mid-Sussex Water Company	Buxted	24	740	2,294
	Crowborough	109	2,944	9,126
	Danehill	20	432	1,339
	Fletching	3	229	710
	Forest Row	36	1,010	3,131
	Framfield	20	563	1,745
	Frant	5	361	1,119
	Hadlow Down	3	252	781
	Hartfield	16	595	1,844
	Isfield	2	192	595
	Little Horsted	—	15	47
	Maresfield	34	937	2,904
	Mayfield	28	1,089	3,376
	Rotherfield	36	930	2,883
	Uckfield	20	1,473	4,566
	Wadhurst	35	1,314	4,073
	Withyham	29	1,056	3,273
Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells ...	Frant	1	*	—

*Included in the total for Mid-Sussex Water Company.

TABLE XVI

Sewerage and Sewage Purification

Capital expenditure during the past ten years on sewerage and sewage disposal works is shown in the following table :—

<i>Year ended 31st March</i>	<i>Total Expenditure £</i>
1953	5,526
1954	10,433
1955	6,072
1956	4,787
1957	83,977
1958	70,836
1959	30,398
1960	52,342
1961	71,501
1962	60,014
	<hr/> <hr/> £395,886

In December 1958 the Council formulated a five year programme of necessary works, giving precedence to those where public health need is greatest. Following are details of the programme, showing progress to date.

Works completed up to December 1962		<i>Capital Cost</i>
REDGATE MILL	Extension and modernisation of existing Disposal Works, serving Crowborough and Rotherfield	£ 184,417
FRANT	Sewerage of the districts of Pococks Hill, Down Lane and Frant Village, and construction of Disposal Works ...	40,468
WADHURST (Village)	Sewers and Disposal Works	36,220
HARTFIELD AND UPPER HARTFIELD	Sewers and enlargement of existing works serving Forest Row	44,834
MARESFIELD (Village)	Sewers and improvements to existing Disposal Works ...	14,228
RINGLES CROSS	Sewers and Pumping Station	18,787
GROOMBRIDGE	Pumping Station and Rising Main... ..	12,980
Works in progress at December 1962		
NUTLEY (Village)	Sewers and Sewage Disposal Works	60,000
Works approved by the Minister at December 1962		
UCKFIELD and FIVE ASH DOWN	Sewers and new Disposal Works	175,000
UCKFIELD (Ridgewood)	New sewer	12,000
Works which have been submitted to the Minister for approval		
FOREST ROW	Enlargement of Pumping Station, New Trunk Sewer and Rising Main	23,000
BLACKBOYS	Sewers and Disposal Works	51,000
CROWBOROUGH (Village)	New Trunk Sewers	43,000
Schemes which are in course of preparation		
ISFIELD	Sewers and Rising Main	61,350
BLACKHAM (Village)	Sewers and Disposal Works	9,500
Schemes yet to be prepared		
DANEHILL	Sewers and Disposal Works	
WADHURST (Rock Robin)	Pumping Station.	
FRAMFIELD (Village)	New Disposal Works.	
MAYFIELD (Meres)	Modernisation of existing Works.	
MAYFIELD (Crouch)	Modernisation of existing Works.	

TABLE XVII

FOOD PREMISES

The following table shows the various types of Food premises within the district

Bakehouses	...	...	...	9
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	34
Cakes and Confectionery	...	...	...	42
Greengrocers	...	...	...	33
Grocery and General Provisions	...	...	...	137
Hotels and Licensed premises	...	...	...	105
Restaurants	...	...	...	64
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	11
Registered Dairy Premises	...	...	...	31

Improvements at Food Premises during 1962

Constant hot water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Sinks provided, renewed or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wash hand basins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sanitary accommodation improved or increased	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Drainage systems repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 16.

The following table shows premises which are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Cooked Meat premises	...	...	37
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	4
Ice-cream premises (Storage and sale only)	...	...	224

Of six samples of ice-cream taken during the year, the bacteriologist reported five to be satisfactory and one unsatisfactory.

TABLE XVIII

FOOD INSPECTION

During the year the following unsound food was voluntarily surrendered to the Public Health Inspectors.

76 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. of canned food	...	...	...	decomposed
70 lbs. of fish	...	...	...	decomposed
53 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. of frozen food	...	...	...	defrozen
141 lbs. of meat	...	...	...	abscess and bone taint
70 lbs. of imported lamb livers	...	...	...	decomposed

Unsound food is buried at Council refuse dumps.

TABLE XIX

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1. (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	312
(b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose	1,368
2.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	12
3.	Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	165

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	114
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

1.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:—</i>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	—
(b)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:—	
(i)	By owners	3
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	—
2.	<i>Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:—</i>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	3
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:—	
(i)	By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1962)	2
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	—
3.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 4 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957:—</i>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	—
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	—
(c)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	1
(d)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place—Section 16.	15
(e)	Number of dwelling houses for which undertakings, under Section 16, were given by owners	12

TABLE XX

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLING HOUSES

The works of repair and improvement listed below were completed during the past eight years :—

<i>Internal.</i>	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Damp floors remedied	79	99	117	100	101	104	94	74
Damp walls remedied	100	120	169	144	175	137	144	119
Floors relaid or repaired	104	151	210	151	157	176	167	154
Walls repaired or cleansed	233	349	558	336	337	263	349	322
Ceilings repaired or cleansed	199	303	407	252	193	266	296	316
Ceiling heights increased	22	38	71	46	55	46	26	26
Lighting improved	76	97	148	89	72	113	73	73
Ventilation improved	83	105	196	102	82	112	95	85
Windows repaired or renewed	107	135	250	180	118	184	146	138
Doors repaired or renewed	42	47	82	63	67	75	44	38
Woodwork repaired or renewed	38	19	60	49	15	31	29	29
Flues and fireplaces repaired	28	31	53	36	24	16	14	13
Cooking stoves repaired or provided	38	48	55	32	18	20	20	28
Washing coppers repaired or provided	3	5	3	—	1	1	—	2
Food stores repaired or provided	42	76	70	39	29	87	69	83
Staircases repaired	31	37	51	30	34	35	38	49
Sinks provided or renewed	47	72	73	61	45	59	79	82
Sink wastes trapped or provided	22	55	71	45	36	50	70	80
Baths and wash basins provided	67	85	91	59	44	113	104	121
Hot water systems provided	58	91	86	58	42	113	97	121
Artificial lighting provided	28	37	50	20	13	14	6	—
Fuel stores provided	25	28	51	21	4	5	2	—
<i>External.</i>								
Walls repaired	53	67	96	83	67	67	80	67
Roofs repaired	51	78	86	74	44	74	67	64
Chimney stacks repaired	50	54	79	52	37	47	61	47
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	50	72	89	77	48	60	56	58
Paving provided or repaired	40	38	42	22	24	45	40	33
Dustbins provided or renewed	2	5	7	4	1	1	1	1
Accumulations removed	1	4	7	1	4	5	2	—
<i>Drainage.</i>								
New systems provided	45	54	64	32	30	35	86	35
Systems repaired, improved or cleansed	56	73	71	49	48	77	66	79
W.C.s provided	79	82	72	55	44	81	89	93
W.C.s repaired, cleansed and flushing apparatus provided	36	22	29	36	12	15	7	10
E.C.s and M.P.s converted to W.C.s	35	13	4	2	1	5	4	1
E.C.s repaired or improved	2	—	7	6	—	—	—	—
<i>Water Supply.</i>								
Main supply provided	8	17	13	11	12	7	8	4
Wells repaired, improved or provided	1	3	2	—	1	5	1	3

TABLE XXI

HOUSES BUILT DURING 1962

During the year five cottages and eight flats were built on behalf of the Council, two hundred and twenty-one houses were completed by private enterprise, and six properties were made available by means of conversion.

The following table shows the parishes where Council houses were completed.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Type of dwelling</i>	<i>No. of families accommodated</i>	<i>Total families accommodated</i>
FLETCHING	3 bedroom cottages	1	3
	2 „ „	2	
FOREST ROW	3 bedroom cottages	1	5
	1 „ flats	4	
HARTFIELD	3 bedroom cottages	1	5
	1 „ flats	4	

5 cottages, 8 flats. Total 13 units.

Persons accommodated

3 bedroom cottage	5 persons
2 „ „	4 „
1 „ flat	2 „

Houses Built by Private Enterprise

The Public Health Inspectors continued to inspect all building undertaken by private enterprise, and the following table shows the number of visits made during the year.

FOUNDATIONS	...	...	596
SITE CONCRETE	...	...	340
DAMP PROOF COURSE	...	...	381
DRAINAGE	...	...	883
OTHER VISITS	...	...	2,746